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NATIONAL SONG OF OLD BOHEMIA

Here is an English version of the Bohemian National Hymn, "Where Is My Home?" which was sung in Winchester Cathedral, England, by the Czech soldiers. It was written by Josef Tyl (1808–1856). It is the song of a people in captivity in their own land—but now a land of freedom.—Ed.

Where is my home?
Where is my home?
Waters thro' its meads are streaming,
Mounts with rustling woods are teeming.
Vales are bright with flourets rare,
Oh, earth's Eden thou art fair!
Thou art my home, my fatherland!
Thou art my home, my fatherland!

Where is my home?
Where is my home?
By the towers of God 'tis bounded,
By the noblest sons surrounded;
True and light of heart are they,
Firm and bold in deadly fray,
Offspring grand of dear Bohemia,
Thou art home, my fatherland!
Thou art home, my fatherland!